

The Lord's Service

Resurrection Day

April 5, 2026

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Arr. by Sandra Zylstra

Handbell Choir

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call us into worship. He sets the terms for worship because, through His Son, He makes worship possible.

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

*Call to Worship

based on Luke 24.34

LEADER: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Invocation

by Pastor Bill Massey

*Hymn of Adoration

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arr. by Craig Courtney

Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side.

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Men:

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Women:

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

All:

Crown him the Lord of years; the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer hail! For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Proverbs 28.13

LEADER: Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

PEOPLE: but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London (1789)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's

Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. We confess in prayer both corporately and privately as people equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are one family. In this moment, we extend His peace with a handshake, a smile, or a simple greeting. We do this to remind one another of the grace we have received and now share with each other.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 40.11

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!”

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

**Please stand and extend God's peace to those around you.*

*Hymn of Assurance

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Arr. by Craig Courtney

Christ is risen, Christ is risen from the dead!
Alleluia, amen!

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
All creation, join to say alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 65.17-25(p.624)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend; Arr. by J.Marty Cope

In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than ourselves.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny;
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Word by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Jason Coffey

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28.1-10 & Revelation 5.5-14
(p.835 & p.1030)

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

THE LAMB WHO REIGNS AS THE LION

*Hymn of Response

Thine Be the Glory
Hymnal No.274

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love;
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

*Confession of Faith based on Matthew 16.16, Mark 16.9,
John 20.28, 1 Corinthians 15.1-6, Revelation 22.13

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE: This is the good news that we have
received, in which we stand, and by which
we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to
the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then
to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son
of the living God.**

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the
beginning and the end; he is our Lord and
our God.**

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith
together using statements
believed by Christians
over the ages, we join
in the sweep of Christian
history even as we await
the return of Jesus.

*Hallelujah Chorus

by George Frideric Handel (1741)

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world

Is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,

And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,

Hallelujah!

God Commissions Us

Benediction

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service, He graciously sends us into our week with a blessing (good word) founded on the redeeming work of Jesus.

*Benediction

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Title: The Lamb Who Reigns as the Lion

Text: Matthew 28.1-10 & Revelation 5.5-14

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

CPC Pastors

David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*),

Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*)

CPC Officers

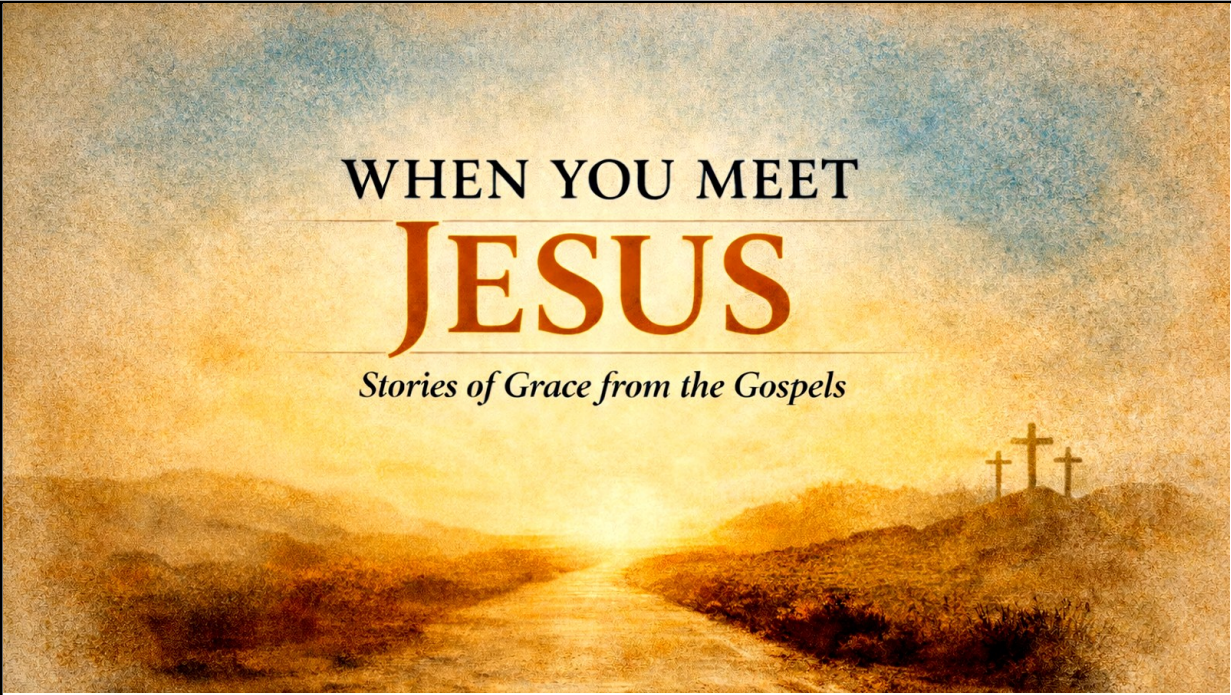
ELDERS: Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Don Griffin, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Dee Hobbs, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Phil Wade, Rex Wagner, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

DEACONS: Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Thomas Blackburn, Jonathan Calloway, Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, Mike Evatt, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Jay Helton, Steven James, Eric Mantel (Clerk), Mike Mason (Chairman), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison, Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Spotts, Matt Wright

Musicians

Director - Todd Gaither; Piano - Alayne Griffin, Organ - Evangeline Wykoff
Trumpet I – Caleb McDonald, Trumpet II – AJ Bowers, French Horn – David Quagliana
Trombone I – Rich Stichler, Trombone II – Cody Spotts

COVENANT LIFE



WHEN YOU MEET JESUS

Stories of Grace from the Gospels

UPCOMING SERMONS – WHEN YOU MEET JESUS

Stories of Grace from the Gospels

After Easter, many people begin asking important questions: Who is Jesus? Could grace really be for someone like me? Where can I explore the Christian faith more deeply?

At Covenant Presbyterian Church, it's okay to have questions. Jesus meets us personally and welcomes our curiosity. The Gospels show us something remarkable: when people truly encounter Jesus, their lives change. Over the next several weeks, we'll look at some of those real stories of people who met Jesus and discovered grace, forgiveness, healing, and hope.

We would love for you to join us.

EASTER FLOWERS

In Honor Of:

Servicemembers & Veterans, Past & Present..... General (Retired) B.B. Bell
Todd Gaither..... The Sanctuary Choir
Alayne Griffin..... The Sanctuary Choir
Mark Perry..... The Sanctuary Choir
Evangeline Wykoff..... The Sanctuary Choir

In Memory Of:

Alan & Karen Anderson..... The Lloyd Family
Katie F. Bell..... General (Retired) B.B. Bell
Dr. & Mrs. Irving Folkening..... Jim & Bonnie Folkening
Bob Fugatt..... Missy & Robby Fugatt
Bene Hammel..... Jay & Susan Helton
Wallace & Johnnie Hammel..... Jay & Susan Helton
Benny & Pat Helton..... Jay & Susan Helton
Ambassador James A. Knight..... General (Retired) B.B. Bell
Cheryl Lawry..... Randy Lawry
Joyce & Kermit Mock..... The Mock Family
Our Parents..... Jim & Jan Griffin
Gary & Charlotte Ratliff, & Chris Ratliff..... Bryan & Shannon Ratliff
Wayne Barnes, Dee & Don Schoenrock..... The Mock Family
Robert E. Spotts..... The Phil Spotts Family
Danny Struthers..... Marilyn Struthers
Len Teague..... Missy & Robby Fugatt
Carolyn Williams..... Len Williams
Carolyn Williams..... Reita Pierce & Jeanie Ray
Maria Wright..... The Matt Wright Family
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Yoder..... Jim & Bonnie Folkening

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please fill out a

If you are visiting or are wanting to become a member of Covenant, consider attending the *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 119. (Next week)

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Luke 24.

Finding your way:

Scan the QR code to view a map of our campus. Printed maps can be found on the bulletin board just off the Lobby and outside the Nursery.



For those with children:

Your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. Please take advantage of these helpful tools:

- **Special Bulletin** - designed for our Little Theologians (available in Narthex)
- **Family Worship Room** - where children can be a little louder and more active (windowed room in Sanctuary)
- **Family Restroom and Nursing Mother's Room** (in Family Worship Room)
- **Nursery** - available to children born after September 1, 2022 (deacons can direct you)
- **Calm Kit Bags** - borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during worship (in Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 5 - *Easter Sunday*

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
No Sunday School

Tuesday, April 7

Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Room 122 - 10 am

Wednesday, April 8

Midweek Meal - Chili Cookoff - SFH - 5:30 pm
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -
Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Thursday, April 9

Growing Together (Moms) - Room 105 - 9:30 am

Saturday, April 11

Church-wide Workday - SFH - 8:30 am
Youth & Family Picnic - Heritage Park - 12 pm

Sunday, April 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*
Wade/Ward Wedding Shower - 2 pm

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org. *These needs are shared M-F. If you have an urgent need, contact your shepherding elder.*

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

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CHURCH-WIDE CHILI COOKOFF

Wed, Apr 8 • 5:30 pm • SFH

Dust off your apron and fire up your best chili recipe!

It's time for our Church-Wide Chili Cookoff! Bring the heat, compete for bragging rights, and maybe even take home a prize! Come hungry and enjoy great food and fellowship.

**All donations will support our
Youth Summer Camps.**

Scan the QR code to sign up and get ready to cook up some competition!



REKINDLED LADIES LUNCHEON

Thu, Apr 16 • 12 pm • SFH

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, join us for a time of ministry and encouragement and a light lunch. Please RSVP to Joan Denkinger at 423-899-8385.

CHURCH-WIDE WORKDAY

Sat, Apr 11 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Men, women, and children are invited to a Church Workday. We'll begin with doughnuts and coffee and then tackle several inside and outside projects. We plan to complete all projects by noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug McEachern (dlm91248@aol.com).

YOUTH AND FAMILY PICNIC

Sat, Apr 11 • 12 pm • Heritage Park

Our students and families are invited to a picnic and games at Heritage Park! We hope you will join us for fellowship and fun after the church workday. Bring a snack or a drink to share.

OCC CRAFT DAY

Sat, Apr 18 • 9 am • SFH

Teens and adults are invited to come to OCC Craft Day. We will make several different crafts (such as bead dolls, spinners, scrunchies, fishing kits, etc), to be placed in the shoeboxes at our packing parties. Please bring a \$3 donation to offset the cost of materials.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The April birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

COVENANT LIFE

Tennessee Valley Presbytery

Women's Conference

Sat, Apr 25 - 9 am-3 pm

Covenant Presbyterian Church
8451 E Brainerd Rd. Chattanooga, TN



Speaker: Paula Miles

Topic: Body, Bride, & Building

Cost: \$20

Includes breakfast, lunch, & sessions



Scan the QR code for more info, or to sign up by Apr 19.



Men's JOURNEY groups

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11).

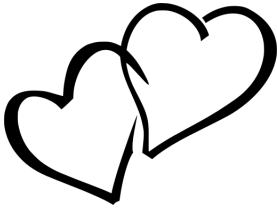
Our growth in *knowing God* involves journeying the "path of life" and no other journey promises greater joy! As David proclaims, "In your presence there is fullness of joy." Yet walking this path requires watching over our hearts with the encouragement of fellow-journeymen. "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together," the saying goes. The Gospel of Jesus Christ meets this need by uniting us not only to God but also to one another. *Men's Journey Groups* are one way of enjoying fellowship with God and with each other as we walk the path of life together.

To join a Men's Journey Group scan the QR code or visit:
www.cpcchatt.org/journeygroups



If you would like to lead a Journey Group, please let us know when you sign up.
The leadership training will be April 18, 8:30 am until 12:00 PM in Room 105.

COVENANT LIFE



UPCOMING SHOWERS

You're invited to join us for several wedding showers this spring! Come celebrate and encourage these young couples as they prepare for marriage. Several of them grew up at CPC—let's surround them with love and prayer. Use the QR codes to view and shop their registries.

Betsy Wade &
Caleb Ward

Sun, Apr 12 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at the Knot.



Elijah Harris &
Noémie Haberey

Sun, Apr 19 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at the Knot.



David Herberich &
Jennifer Hernandez

Sat, Apr 18 • 2 pm
Susan Helton's Home

The couple is registered at Amazon.



Clyde Haywood &
Mary Davis

Sun, Apr 26 • 2 pm • SFH

The couple is registered at Amazon.



COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

April 8: Church-Wide Chili Cookoff, Salad Bar, Cornbread, Frozen Lemonade Dessert

April 15: French Toast, Hash Browns, Bacon, Fruit Salad, Yogurt & Granola

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (cpcchatt.org/give or scan QR code)



The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can. Visitors enjoy a free meal.

MIDWEEK KITCHEN CLEAN-UP HELP

We currently have a need for ONE PERSON in the kitchen for weekly help with dish duty!

Please consider serving your church family this way. It is important work that will bless you as well as blessing others. Contact Emily Calloway ecalloway@cpcchatt.org

RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

| Worship - 9:15 am | | | Sunday School - 11 am | |
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| Front Desk | Little Lambs | Busy Bees | Little Lambs | Busy Bees |
| Bekah Gernhard | Lois Ann Atkinson Charlotte Gernhard | David Gernhard Eleanor Gernhard Henry Gernhard | No Sunday School | No Sunday School |

NURSERY SCHEDULE - April 12

| Worship - 9:15 am | | | Sunday School - 11 am | |
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| Front Desk | Little Lambs | Busy Bees | Little Lambs | Busy Bees |
| Tammy Bacon | Leanna Cathey Sophia Cross | Evangeline Cathey Heather Harris Jon Harris | Catherine Coffey Maria England | Sarah McCurry Magdalene Wykoff |

MISSIONS



Pete Mitchell
France

Ministry Focus:

In December 2024, the Lord called Pete's wife, Ruth, to Himself - an unexpected and sudden loss. Pete is still involved in church planting in Toulouse, France with MTW. He serves on a church planting team with a vision to build up the Reformed Evangelical Churches in southeastern France. Pete also serves on national and presbytery committees of the French church.

Prayer:

- For life-transforming work of the Gospel in all of France
- For Pete's own spiritual health & adjustment to being without Ruth
- For financial provision to support the whole Toulouse team



Andy & Kathy Napier
North Carolina / worldwide

Ministry Focus:

Andy's primary responsibility at TransWorld Radio is producing and hosting a radio program, "Footsteps," for the American audience. It tells the amazing story of what God is doing around the world through TWR and its partner ministries. In essence, Andy is a reporter on the fulfillment of the Great Commission happening through radio.

Prayer:

- For Andy and Kathy's marriage and spiritual growth
- For continued support from ministry partners
- For Gospel impact through all TWR programs

More details at cpchatt.org/ministry/outreach